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08/335,296 11/07/94 YAMAMOTO 230702377 WINNIF EXAMINER 18N1/1031 TOWNSEND AND TOWNSEND KHOURTE AND CREW STEUART STREET TOWER ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER ONE MARKET PLAZA SAN FRANCISCO CA 94105 1802 DATE MAILED: NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY PART I. 7-20-95 1. A This communication is responsive to _ 2. All the claims being allowable. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due 3. X The allowed claims are _ 4.

The drawings filed on 5. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [_] been received. [_] not been received. [_] been filed in parent application Serial No. _ 6. Note the attached Examiner's Amendment. 7.

Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413. 8.

Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. 9. X Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892. 10. Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449. A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). 1. In Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED. 2. X APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER. a. X Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. ______. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED. b.

The proposed drawing correction filed on _ has been approved by the examiner, CORRECTION IS REQUIRED. c. \square Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED. d. X Formal drawings are now REQUIRED. Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER. K Examiner's Amendment - Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152 Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL- 413 _ Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948 Reasons for Allowance _ Listing of Bonded Draftsmen X Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449

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Part III EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jim Heslin on October 19, 1995.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

At page 14, line 8 of the specification, after "Collection," please insert the following: --12301 Parklawn Drive,--.

- 3. The rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph (i.e. indefiniteness of the presented claims), as set forth in paragraph 19 of the last Office action, is withdrawn in view of the amendment of claim 2.
- 4. The objection to the specification and rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph (i.e. lack of an enabling disclosure), as set forth in paragraph 18 of the last Office action, is withdrawn in view of the arguments set forth in the response to the last Office action.
- 5. The objection to the specification because of informalities as set forth in paragraph 16 of the last Office action has been withdrawn in view of the amendment filed July 20, 1995.
- 6. It is noted that the effective filing date of the present application is July 5, 1991. The prior art rejection has been withdrawn.

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7. The Terminal Disclaimer filed October 19, 1995 is acknowledged and has been entered. Therefore the rejection of claims 1-3 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 5275813 is withdrawn.

- 8. Claim 1-3 are allowed.
- 9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to N. M. Minnifield whose telephone number is (703) 305-3394. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM-4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel, can be reached on (703) 308-4027. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7939.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

N. M. Minnifield

October 23, 1995

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